

## VII.

*(These instructions to Rector were included with the preceding letter. Microcopy No. 478, National Archives.)*

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR GENERAL RECTOR, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY SURVEYOR FOR THE TERRITORY OF MISSOURI

- 1st. You are required to have surveyed two million acres of land between the Rivers St. Francis and Arkansas, which have been appropriated by an Act of Congress for Military Bounties - (to which I refer you) - the annexed plan, on which these rivers are laid down, with the lands lying between them in Ranges and Townships, will show you the mode in which it is intended to have these surveys executed.
- 1st. Let a standard line be accurately run from the confluence of the Arkansas with the Mississippi due North according to the true meridian so far that a base line run due west from the mouth of the River St. Francis to the Mississippi will intersect it as laid down on the plan.
- 2nd. Lay off the lands South of this base or East & West line into Ranges and Townships of six miles square by running the North and South lines according to the true meridian and the East & West lines at right angles as near as may be, down to the Rivers Mississippi and Arkansas, and number them both Ranges & Townships as exhibited on the plan.
- 3rd. Let these townships be subdivided as has been heretofore practiced into Sections, establishing corners for quarter sections, and marking the lines, and Ranges, Townships, sections and quarter sections corners in the usual mode.
- 4th. Furnish every Surveyor you employ with one of the deputations enclosed, and see that both himself, his chain and axemen are duly sworn before they proceed to work and return a copy of such oaths to this office.
- 5th. Furnish every Surveyor with a plan of the whole Military district and a copy of the Instructions enclosed, that each man may be able to comprehend the plan how the surveys are to be executed and how to attend to his compass and chain, to mark his corners accurately, and make his returns in a proper manner.
- 6th. When work is done and returned to your office you are to examine and see that it is done agreeable to Law and the instructions given, and return it certified to the Office of the Surveyor General to wit—a copy of the field notes of every township or fractional

township, and two sets of plats and descriptions laid down on paper of a uniform size with an inch space in the margin, so that all the plats when finished may by bound in a book.

- 7th. You are furnished with a copy of a form of contract, so that you may enter into contracts with the Deputies, observing always to have duplicates so signed, one of which is to be returned to this office when entered into.
- 8th. All the surveys contracted for to be done in the Michigan and Illinois Territories have been at 250 Cents per mile, it is therefore expected you will be able to get the Military Lands done in Missouri at the same rate, but if as you suggested this should be impracticable, you are authorized to give 300 per mile, but only in case of necessity—being satisfied you will guard the interests of the United States from imposition, inasmuch as by doing so, you are advancing your own interests.
- 9th. When any Deputy Surveyor has finished his contract, made his returns to your Office and it is certified and returned to this Office, the accounts will be paid off in such manner as may be most convenient to the claimant and the regulations of the Treasury Department.

signed E.T.

G.R.  
Principal Deputy